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MEDIA ATTENTION CONTINUES HIGH. LENGTHY ANALYSIS OF TRIP
BY SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST EURICO DA FONSECA IN
JULY 22 "JORNAL NOVO" SAID ANCIENT DREAM OF SEEING MARS
CLOSE-UP HAS BEEN REALIZED "THANKS TO THE CARE WITH WHICH
PROJECT WAS CONCEIVED AND ALSO TO THE UNDENIABLE SUPERIORITY
OF THE AMERICANS IN THE MICRO-ELECTRONICS FIELD.." FONSECA, AFTER DETAILED EXPLANATION OF THE SEARCH FOR LIFE
WHICH VIKING MISSION WILL CARRY OUT, WONDERED IF TECHNICAL
PROBLEMS CAN BE RESOLVED FOR MARS TO BECOME A NEEDED COLONY
FOR AN OVERPOPULATED EARTH. HE SAID, IN THE VEIN, THAT
"MARS IS THE HOPE WHICH COMES TO US AT A MOMENT WHEN
CONSCIENTIOUS MEN WERE ABOUT TO LOSE ALL
HOPE". OTHERWISE, MOST NEWSPAPERS ARE GIVING PROMINENT
PLAY TO WIRE-SERVICE REPORTS FROM PASADENA.
LEFTIST "DIARIO DE LISBOA" OF JULY 22 MANAGED TO SOUND
A SOUR NOTE BY PLAYING NEW-YORK-DATELINED STORY QUOTING
NEW YORKERS WHO SAID THEY WOULD RATHER HAVE HAD VIKING
BUDGET TO SPEND ON STREET REPAIRS AND MORE POLICEMEN'S SALARIES.

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